

# E-HAPPENINGS

WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

July 2012

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### **Cut Flower Workshop Helps Entrepreneurial Spirit Bloom**

WNC Specialty Crop Institute will encourage local business with its *Specialty Cut Flowers, Growing Your Business* workshop on Monday, July 30, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The workshop begins at Smith & Smith Farms in Dayton with a tour of flower fields during peak harvest season, followed by a lecture at WNC Carson City. Cost is \$35 for those registering by July 23, \$45 after July 23.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-07-05a.php>



### **College Announces Spring Dean's List**

274 WNC students have been named to the Spring Dean's List. Students earned the honor for achieving a 3.5 or higher grade point average with a minimum course load of 12 units. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-07-02e.php>

### **Community Donors Contribute to College Library**

Local residents Rob and Dorothy Ramsdell have donated more than 20 pieces of audio and visual equipment to the WNC Library and Media Services department. The Ramsdells have been longtime supporters of WNC, providing scholarships and funds for the nursing program, athletics, the Jack C. Davis Observatory, Always Lost: A Meditation on War; and the Child Development Center. The Ramsdell Playground at the college's Child Development Center is named in honor of their contributions to the center. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-07-02c.php>

### **Family's Generosity Helps Students, Child Development Center**

Brian and Susan O'Leary have pledged their support to the WNC Child Development Center with a \$5,000 donation. A portion of the contribution is being directed to the Mary Hartman Connolly Scholarship, which will provide financial assistance to WNC students in need, enabling them to enroll their children at the Child Development Center while they attend classes at the college. Another portion of the gift will help the center enhance classroom materials and equipment.

### **New Board Members Join College Foundation**

Four members of the local community will join the Western Nevada College Foundation Board and offer their support for the college in the community. Jacqueline Bryant, Greg C. Davis, Mina Fiddymment and Kelly Kite are expected to have their appointments ratified at an upcoming meeting of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-07-02b.php>

## COLLEGE CORNER

### Science Becomes Hair-Raising Adventure for Dr. Herring



Physics Instructor Tom Herring awed students at Carson Montessori School with science experiments during a recent demonstration.

### Foundation Golf Tournament Deemed a Success

WNC's Foundation netted \$11,000 from the 2012 Golf Classic that will directly benefit students and programs. According to Foundation Director Amy Ginder, 26 teams, 20 volunteers, 22 corporate and team sponsors, and 45 generous donors all helped to make the tournament a success. Winners included:

**First Place, Low Gross:** Dorothy Ramsdell's team - Ken Riley, Scott Riley, Mitchell Tufts, Hal Fauler

**First Place, Low Net:** Gary Andreas, Bret Andreas, Mike Schellin, Troy Scott

**Second Place, Low Gross:** Allison, MacKenzie, Pavlakis, Wright & Fagan, Ltd. - Chris MacKenzie, Joel Locke, Randall Long, Steve Rose

**Second Place, Low Net:** Carson City Toyota Scion - J.T. Tormondson, Craig Whitt, Jason Gutierrez, Joe Alvarez

**Third Place, Low Net:** First Independent Bank - Greg Nixon, Skip Thurman, Susie Banister, Rod Banister

Additional awards went to Craig Whitt, Longest Drive - Men; Nancy Morales, Longest Drive - Women; Chris Tomchuk, Closest to the Pin-Men; Karen Peterson, Closest to the Pin - Women; Joe Alvarez, Poker Run winner; and Chris Tomchuk, Adam Johnson, Troy Scott and Mike Schellin, Casino Hole Contest winners.

### New Technologies To Assist with Online Learning

WNC students will benefit from new online learning technologies:

**Canvas, a New Online Learning System:** WNC has joined with Truckee Meadows Community College, Great Basin College, College of Southern Nevada and Nevada State College to migrate to a new online learning system called *Canvas*. The new system will replace the current Moodle platform in fall 2013.

**Sonic Foundry Mediasite:** This fall, WNC will implement a new media technology that allows instructors to make live broadcasts and digital recordings of course lectures. Students can view the presentations online in real-time or access it for viewing at a later date. The technology is mobile-friendly.

**Quality Matters:** For the past year, WNC has participated in a faculty-centered peer review process that is designed to certify the quality of online and blended courses. The process has now been adopted as part of the Distance Education Online Policy, and will be a standard evaluation tool for the college.

## IN THE ARTS

### 'Soul Music' Art Exhibits at WNC Carson Galleries



Sharon Tetly finds her soul through her work. This summer, the Western Nevada College art professor shares a part of herself in a creative and vibrant exhibit at the Carson City campus. "Soul Music" is a series of large, abstract print assemblages that are several feet tall and hang as if suspended in the air along the walls of the College Gallery and Atrium Gallery. The leafy, angular shapes change with every angle of view, and seem as if they are interlocking parts of a puzzle, or perhaps dancers in the sky.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-07-06b.php>

### Craft Fair Seeks Vendors

Western Nevada College Classified Employee Council is seeking vendors for its annual craft fair, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, at WNC Carson City. Area vendors with handmade crafts are invited to participate, while space is available. Fee is \$30. Contact Shelly Bale at 445-3266 to reserve a space at the craft fair.

## ATHLETICS

### Wildcats Earn Academic Honors

Both WNC athletic teams have received National Junior College Athletic Association All-Academic Team honors for 2011-2012. Each team collectively attained a 3.18 GPA to earn the recognition. Softball player Megan Hein and baseball player Anthony Consiglio were also individually recognized by the NJCAA with academic



awards for their success in the classroom. Team Honors:

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-07-02a.php>

Megan Hein: <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-06-22c.php>

Anthony Consiglio: <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-06-21a.php>



### Multiple Recruits Sign to Play Softball in 2012-2013

Bishop Manogue High School graduate Cara McCarthy is one of eight players to sign letters of intent to play for WNC in 2012-13. Cara signed her letter during a recent signing event at the college. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-06-26a.php>

### Former Wildcats Ink Professional Contracts

Wildcat alumni Tim Peterson and Dylan Baker have been drafted and signed to play with Major League Baseball teams. Peterson played for WNC from 2009-2011 before transferring to the University of Kentucky. He has committed to play for the New York Mets. Baker played for Western in 2011-2012 and was drafted by the Cleveland Indians. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-06-22a.php>

## SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, July 14, 8 p.m.** Star Party/Lecture at the Jack C. Davis Observatory